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The company of Montana State University's dramatic players is on the last leg of its tour to outposts in the Pacific Command, and will be heading for home the latter part of this week, according to Dr. Doug Bankson, acting chairman of the University drama department.

The MSU company is presenting a production of "The Fantasticks" at various Phillipine military installations this week following travels through Japan, Korea, Okinawa and Taiwan.

According to reports from Dr. Firman H. Brown, director of the play company and chairman of the department, the student group has been very well received throughout the Pacific area. In addition to their near-nightly performances, the Masquers have combined sight-seeing with viewing as much Oriental theater as possible. In Okinawa the actors devoted time to touring museums, visiting the national legislature, and attending Chinese opera.

The company's performances in Okinawa were cut short in observance of the memorial period following the death of President Kennedy and the moratorium on entertainment on military bases continued during several of the days the company was scheduled to perform in Taiwan.

According to Bankson, eight performances were scheduled for the Phillipines. In addition to the regular service group appearances, the MSU Masquers were also seen at the University of the Phillipines and the University of the East.

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